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LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT

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of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1965

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(As at 31st December 1965)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Leominster and Wigmore
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report
for the year 1965, together with the report of the Public
Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Emerson for his help
and cooperation during the past year, and for his report
which contains a great deal of interesting and informative
material.

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	94,101
Estimated mid-year home population	9,560
Average number of persons per acre102
Number of inhabited houses	3,209
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	0.03
Average number of persons per house	3.0
Rateable value	£198,311
Sum represented by a penny rate	£796.13. 7d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	79	80	159
Illegitimate	3	1	4
	82	81	163

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.16	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	17.1	16.9	17.8	15.2	15.3
" " " (Adjusted)	19.8	19.6	20.6	17.8	17.9
England and Wales	18.0	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	2.4
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available (1964: 7.2)

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	18.1	29.9	11.6	20.1	26.5
England and Wales	15.7	16.3	17.2	16.1	19.1

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	12.3
England and Wales	..	* (1964: 12.0)

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	12.3
England and Wales	..	13.0

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	30.1
England and Wales	..	26.9

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

*figure not yet available

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	(Total)	18.4	18.5	11.7	13.7	13.6
	(Legitimate)	18.9	13.2	6.3	14.1	7.0
	(Illegitimate)	Nil	90.9	76.9	Nil	250.0
England & Wales	(Total)	19.0	19.9	21.1	21.6	21.6
	(Legitimate)	*	19.4	20.8	21.3	21.2
	(Illegitimate)	*	26.3	26.0	27.2	25.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	Nil
England & Wales	..	* (1964: 0.25)

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	53	42	95

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.87	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	9.9	10.7	13.4	12.3	14.2
" " " (Adjusted)	8.6	9.5	11.9	11.2	12.2
England and Wales	11.5	11.3	12.2	11.9	11.9

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	9	5	14

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.46	1.57	2.71	2.19	2.50
England and Wales	2.23	2.20	2.17	2.18	2.15

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	22	26	48

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	5.02	6.27	6.58	7.93	7.71
England and Wales	5.95	5.73	5.22	6.14	6.10

*figures not yet available

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	11	3	14

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 mid-year home population:

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.46	1.15	1.46	1.25	1.66
England and Wales	1.41	1.37	1.71	1.57	1.60

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	1	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	3	1	4
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	5	7
Coronary disease, angina	10	4	14
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	9	13	22
Other circulatory disease	-	3	3
Pneumonia	5	2	7
Bronchitis	5	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
All other accidents	2	1	3
Total:	53	42	95

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR 1965.

(8)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1965

(9)

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	126	180	82	51	27	24	2	8	3	-	1	21	525
Scarlet Fever	-	-	7	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
Frysipelas	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	8
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	8
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARSLeominster & Wigmore Rural District

Disease	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Whooping Cough	3	36	11	11	30
Measles	123	225	10	141	163
Scarlet Fever	-	3	3	4	4
Erysipelas	2	1	2	2	3
Acute Pneumonia	2	3	6	6	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	2	-
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	2	-
Dysentery	3	3	4	-	53
Food Poisoning	5	12	2	3	9
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	2	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	1	2	3	1	1
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	-	1	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	5	70	29	13	126
Measles	525	609	507	337	583
Scarlet Fever	12	8	12	9	11
Erysipelas	3	2	3	5	3
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	2	2	1
Post-Infectious	-	-	1	2	-
Acute Pneumonia	3	8	13	15	18
Dysentery	6	3	7	1	62
Food Poisoning	8	14	7	5	11
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	2	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	1	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	8	10	9	7	9
Non-Pulmonary	3	3	1	2	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	1	-

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.14	0.27
Measles	14.22	10.67
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.56
Erysipelas	0.08	0.04
Acute Pneumonia	0.08	0.17
Dysentery	0.16	0.55
Food Poisoning	0.22	0.10
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.22	0.28
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.05

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	36	14	12	10
New cases notified	2	-	-	-
Moved into district	-	1	-	-
Moved out of district	3	1	2	1
Number on Register at 31st December, 1965.	35	14	10	9

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1961	1	78	1	1
1962	2	75	1	3
1963	3	72	1	3
1964	2	72	-	-
1965	2	68	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTSUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

1. Inspections of houses under Housing & Public Health Acts	126
2. Caravans	109
3. Overcrowding	3
4. Housing Applicants	59
5. Nuisances (other than drainage)	12
6. Drainage	152
7. Vermincus Premises	4
8. Water Supplies	396
9. Food Premises	21
10. Food Vans and Stalls	3
11. Slaughterhouses	109
12. Knackers Yard	5
13. Milk Regulations	44
14. Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	20
15. Factories Act	5
16. Refuse Collection and Disposal	97
17. Rodent Control	11
18. Petroleum Acts	55
19. Local Land Charges	39
20. Miscellaneous	187
21. Revisits	180
22. Flooding	1
23. Dangerous Buildings	1
24. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	10
25. Litter	11
26. Scrap Dealers	1
27. Swimming Pools	1

WATER SUPPLIESPublic Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board are responsible for the various public undertakings in the district as follows:

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing standpipes
Adforton	34	3
Aymestrey & Yatton	50	1
Leintwardine	163	9
Lingen	28	-
Luston	82	4
Orleton	65	-
Richards Castle	34	-
Shobdon	85	1
Wigmore	84	-

WATER SUPPLIESPublic Supplies (Continued)Council House Supplies Taken over by Water Board

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing standpipes
Bodenham	16	-
Brimfield	27	-
Kimbolton	13	-
Little Hereford	8	3
Lucton	9	-
Monkland	11	-

Periodical sampling of the Board's supplies is carried out and the water submitted for bacteriological examination. Where evidence of contamination is found the Water Board is informed and immediate steps taken to render the water safe.

There was some spasmodic contamination of the Richards Castle supply during the year and in November representatives of the Water Board met members of the Parish Council, and other interested parties, to explain and discuss the situation. At this meeting it was stated that steps were being taken to obtain a supply in bulk from the East Shropshire Water Board. The Richards Castle supply is now sampled monthly.

Comprehensive schemes for supplying the villages of Kingsland, Yarpole, Bircher, Leinthall Starkes, Monkland, Kimbolton, Leysters, Pudleston and Middleton were commenced by the end of the year.

After representation by the Council, the Herefordshire Water Board has advised them that schemes to supply water to Stoke Prior and Risbury, and to Eye/Moreton will be considered for inclusion in the 1966/67 capital works programme.

Other Water Supplies

Throughout the district a number of houses are without individual water supply, and in parts without main supplies water is mainly from shallow wells and springs, often not of a satisfactory quality.

Water Sampling

Two hundred and forty-six samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and sent to the laboratory at Hereford. These samples produced the following results:

Unsatisfactory	..	103
Satisfactory	..	143

Public Swimming Baths

There is no public swimming bath in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGEPublic Sewers, other than Council House Estates

Location	Number of dwellings connected	Sewage Disposal
Brampton Bryan	27	Septic tank
Kingsland	85	None
Leintwardine	159	Septic tank
Wigmore	82	Land irrigation
Shobdon	48	Settlement and filtration

Work on the Kingsland sewerage scheme progressed during the year and it is anticipated that connections to the new sewer may be made early in 1966.

Authority to obtain tenders for the Luston and Yarpole scheme was obtained from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Tenders are to be submitted in January 1966 and it is hoped to commence the work in March 1966.

Similar authority has been received in respect of the Leintwardine scheme and tenders will be received early in 1966.

The Ministry enquiry into the Brimfield, Orleton and Richards Castle scheme is to be held in January, 1966.

The Council's programme for seweraging the main villages includes the provision or improvement of public sewers in Bodenham, Wigmore, Brampton Bryan, Monkland, Stoke Prior, Shobdon and Kimbolton.

Public sewers are also required in Aymestrey, Hope-under-Dinmore and Lingen and the provision of mains water supplies to Leinthall Starkes and Leysters may reveal a need for sewers in these villages also. In the case of Leysters this may well be sufficiently great as to require some degree of priority.

Sewage disposal works on council house estates have received frequent inspection. These plants are working satisfactorily. The contents of the settling tanks and humus tanks are removed at regular intervals.

In the remainder of the district sewage disposal at individual premises where facilities exist, is mainly by private septic tank, and in other cases pail closets and some privvies are in use.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

Cesspool emptying throughout the district is at present carried out by private contractors upon payment. When the schemes at present in progress and in the design stage are completed, approximately one quarter of the houses in the district will have a sewer available. The cost to the Council of providing and maintaining these sewers is borne by the ratepayers as a whole, and it would appear equitable that ratepayers of properties where main drainage is not available should be provided with some service for cesspool emptying, the cost of which is either wholly or in part a charge upon the rates.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A curbside collection of refuse is operated by the Council and since April 1965 this has been carried out fortnightly throughout the district. All refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shobdon, Brimfield and Risbury. During the year the County Council, owners of the Leintwardine tip, asked the Council to cease tipping on the site as the land was required for road improvements. Refuse from the north-west part of the district is now disposed of at Shobdon.

The amount of refuse collected increases each year due to (a) more refuse being put out by the majority of households, (b) additional houses being included in the service and (c) new houses being built.

Comment must be made upon the receptacles used for containing refuse throughout the district. The notices sent out when the revised collection schedule came into operation brought to the attention of the public the need to supply dustbins and many householders responded to this. However, a considerable number of buckets, boxes, milk cans and other unsuitable containers are still in use - usually after completing their useful life for some other purpose. Frequently they have no bottom and more often than not they are uncovered, with the result that when they are emptied a quantity of evil smelling liquid is tipped into the vehicle or even over the collector. It is not uncommon to find jute sacks in use for refuse which when lifted are found to contain broken glass - at the point at which the sack is grasped.

In the interests of hygiene, safety and efficiency, it cannot be too strongly stressed that the only suitable containers for household refuse are sound dustbins or disposable paper sacks.

Weekly cleansing of the laybys on the A.49 trunk road and on the classified roads is undertaken on behalf of the County Council. Many comments have been made regarding the improved appearance of the laybys since regular cleansing was introduced.

A number of old car bodies are being dumped in parts of the district and pressure had to be brought to bear on one local garage to remove a car which they had deposited in Risbury Tip without consent.

HOUSING

No houses were completed by the Council during the year although the Hope-under-Dinmore estate was in course of construction.

43 Private houses were completed within the district.

The preliminary allocation of tenancies of the Hope-under-Dinmore houses reveals the necessity of completing the survey of unfit houses within an area before making a decision upon the accommodation to be provided. This has proved particularly true in respect of bungalows for elderly people.

Moderately large housing schemes are foreign to the nature of the district and where these are situated on the edge of or even slightly away from a village there is a tendency for the occupiers to be part of a separate community from the village, particularly as they include a number of people from other parishes. Although these schemes are more economical where no services exist, now that mains water and sewerage are becoming available in more parishes, small groups of houses which are more in keeping with the villages might well be considered, as infilling, or on the sites of unfit houses.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts ..	124
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	126
(2) (a) Number of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	106

Houses dealt with under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957

Number of Clearance Areas ..	1
Number of houses in areas ..	7

Houses dealt with under Sections 16 & 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

Demolition Orders made ..	2
Closing Orders made ..	6
Undertakings accepted ..	6

Notices Issued

Informal ..	21
Statutory ..	Nil

Action under Statutory Notices during the Year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts ..	Nil
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Improvement Grants

Discretionary Grants approved ..	9
Standard Grants approved ..	10

HOUSING (Continued)Unfit Houses

During the year the Council made a Clearance Order in respect of The Barracks and Cobweb Cottage, Leintwardine. An enquiry was held into this in October and the order has subsequently been confirmed.

In February the Ministry of Housing and Local Government called for a final estimate of the total number of houses considered unfit for human habitation by the standard at present applied when considering whether property should be condemned. It was estimated that there were approximately 679 such houses within the district.

This is a high proportion of the total houses, and to effectively deal with them will be no easy matter. Despite the feelings of many on this subject, the present rate of progress is not fast enough, and because of the extremely high proportion of houses over 100 years old a number of houses deteriorate each year to the state where the expense of making them fit is excessive. A moderate amount of neglect of an old house soon has a serious effect.

Whilst discussing unfit houses, mention must be made of the reluctance of people in so many cases to accept that a reasonable proportion of their income can be expected to be spent on housing accommodation. It is appreciated that the jump from the rent for an unfit cottage, to that charged for a council house is enormous but the restricting of rents to an artificially low level, as well as contributing to the deterioration of property, has encouraged tenants to under-estimate the relative priority of housing in their expenditure.

Council Houses

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Adforton	Orchard Close	6	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Aymestrey	Council Houses	2	River (HWB)	Septic tank
Bodenham	Caldervale	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Bodenham	Old Houses	4	"	"
Brimfield	Wyson Avenue	24	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Brimfield	Old Council Houses	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
Hope-under-Dinmore	Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Septic tank
Humber	Humber Close	27	Borehole	Complete Works

HOUSING (Continued)Council Houses (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Kimbolton	Chestnut Avenue	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Kimbolton	New Road	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
Kingsland	Boarsfield	12	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
Kingsland	Old Council Houses	6	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
Kingsland	Hostel	6	Shallow well	Septic tank
Leintwardine	Rosemary	12	Shallow well (HWB)	Septic tank (Public sewer)
Lingen	Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Temple Meadow	8	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Little Hereford	Aynall Lane	2	Spring	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Old Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Cesspool
Luston	Westland View	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Luston	Eye Lane	4	Shallow well	Cesspool
Lucton	St. Peter's Square	6	Land Spring (HWB)	Complete Works
Monkland	Baker Lea	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Orleton	Green Lane	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Orleton	Halletts Well	12	Shallow well	Septic tank
Richards Castle	Springfield	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Shobdon	The Grove	30	River (HWB)	Public sewer

HOUSING (Continued)Council Houses (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Wigmore	Ford Street	16	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
Wigmore	Old Council Houses	8	Borehole (HWB)	" "
Yarpole	James Close	8	Shallow well	Septic tank

HWB - Herefordshire Water Board

Overcrowding

Five cases of overcrowding were investigated during the year and all the occupiers concerned are now on the Council's housing list. There is, I am sure, a considerable amount of undiscovered overcrowding throughout the district.

When re-housing these families, care has to be taken that the houses into which they move are not also overcrowded. The current trend is to build houses with no more than three bedrooms, often having a low permitted number. There is a strong case for one or two four-bedroomed houses in each major village. Alternatively, thought might be given to designing adjacent three-bedroomed houses, either in pairs or in a block, whereby one of the bedrooms could be used with either house.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 20 permanent and temporary residential sites in the district licenced for a total of 33 caravans. During the year four licences were renewed and 4 new licences were issued in respect of these sites. In one case the site was licenced pending the erection of a dwelling.

In addition to the above, there are 10 sites, catering for 61 caravans, approved for holiday purposes in respect of which 4 renewal licences were issued during the year.

A certain amount of difficulty is still experienced with caravans in lay-bys and on Commons. These generally present a public health hazard due to the lack of sanitary accommodation and fouling of the ground in the vicinity of the vans. As long as these people continue their present way of life, these caravans will be in the district from time to time. It seems, therefore, that some fixed site is needed to accommodate them, but strict supervision would be essential to keep the site in a satisfactory condition.

Camping

There is still no camping problem within the district, although provision of a transit site for tents and vans is probably called for.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPSFactories Acts 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	19	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	31	4	2	-
(3) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	3	1	1	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences: Insufficient & Defective	3	1

There are no factories in the district known to employ outworkers and no notifications of outworkers within the district were received.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Twentyone inspections were made at various foodshops in the district.

The undermentioned food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

Meat 588 lb.
Other Foods 4 lb. Tinned Pork.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Food Premises

The following table lists the various food premises within the district and indicates the number complying with Regulation 16 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, requiring the provision of wash-hand basin and Regulation 19 requiring the provision of a sink in certain cases.

Type of Trade	Number of Premises	Number complying with Reg 16	Number to which Reg. 19 applies	Number complying with Reg. 19
(a) Grocers (incl. sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables, and pre-packed ice-cream. sweets, and sugar confectionery	32	18	9	7
(b) Restaurants and catering establishments (other than those in (c) below)	6	4	6	4
(c) Licenced Premises (Hotels, Inns and Clubs)	32	24	32	32
(d) Bakers and Confectioners	2	1	2	2
(e) Butchers	3	2	3	3
(f) Central Kitchen for School Meals	1	1	1	1

Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Sale of Ice-cream (including premises above) .. 36

Preparation or Manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food

Butchers .. 1

Milk Supply

The whole of the district is a specified area under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and only heat treated and T.T. milk is allowed to be sold retail.

The heat treated milk retailed in the district is supplied to the retailers by three firms outside the area. T.T. (farm bottled) milk is supplied by several local farmers.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)Milk Supply (Continued)

There are five dairies (excluding farm dairies) registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

During the year fifty samples of raw milk were taken from producer/retailers and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Worcester for tests to be carried out for the presence of *M. tuberculosis* and *Brucella Abortus*.

A sample from one producer/retailer was found to be positive for *Brucella Abortus* and subsequent samples from the herd revealed three cows to be secreting infected milk. The farmer was most co-operative and from the moment it was known that a positive result had been obtained he ceased to retail raw milk and sent all milk produced on the farm for heat treatment.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Inspection of 100% of all animals killed in the slaughterhouse was carried out. Improvements were completed to the slaughterhouse in High Street, Leintwardine, and all killing is now carried on at these premises which are greatly improved, being well lit and equipped.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	180	-	-	810	189	-
Number inspected	180	-	-	810	189	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases						
Condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	23	-	-	66	39	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	12.8%	-	-	8.2%	20.6%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	5	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcases con- demned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-

PETROLEUM LICENCING

Sixtythree licences were renewed during the year and four new licences were issued.

Many licencees were found not to be complying with the conditions attached to their licences, but in most cases informal action was successful.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Although this Act came into force in 1964 there are still premises within the district which have not applied for registration despite the publicity given in the press and on television.

At the request of the Ministry of Labour, special attention was paid to lighting, and the impression gained from the small number of general inspections made in the district is that lighting in the retail rooms of shop premises, where modernised, is adequate, but that in other parts lighting is not so good.

Offices in the district are generally a small part of a larger concern, e.g. farms and schools, lighting being by tungsten filament lamp and generally inadequate.

There were no accidents reported under Section 48 of the Act.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered premises at end of the year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	-	5	3
Retail Shops	-	8	2
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	Nil	Nil
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	-	1	Nil
Fuel Storage depots	-	1	Nil
TOTALS	-	15	5

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 (Continued)Table B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

SIX

Table C. Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises or Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	41
Retail Shops	35
Wholesale departments, warehouses	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public	4
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	2
TOTAL	84

Total Males: 53 Total Females: 31

Table D. Exemptions

Part I	Space (Sec. 5 (2))	Nil
Part II	Temperature (Sec. 6)	Nil
Part III	Saritary Convenience (Sec. 9)	Nil
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)	Nil

Table E. Prosecutions

NIL

Table F. Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act: One

Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act: Nil

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All local authority refuse tips are treated at regular intervals for rats and vermin, and sewer outfalls received treatment when infested.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY					Agricul- tural	
	Local Authority	Non Agricultural		Total			
		Dwelling Houses	All other including Business Premises				
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	7	3188	424	3619	996		
Number of properties inspected as a result of:							
(a) Notification	-	12	-	12	Nil		
(b) Survey under the Act	1	1	-	2	-		
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	3	-	-	3	-		
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested with:							
(a) Rats (Major) (Minor)	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	10	-	10	-		
(b) Mice (Major) (Minor)	-	-	-	-	-		
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	1	-	-	1	-		
Total number of treatments carried out - including re-treatments	2	-	-	2	-		
Number of Notices served under Sec.4 of the Act (Treatment & Structural work)	-	-	-	-	-		
Number of 'Block control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-		

The contract for the treatment of the bank of the stream at Steens Bridge was discontinued as there appeared to be no re-infestation.

